



6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to introduce you to Yvonne Powell, who will be taking on the role of Executive Principal across both Ark Helenswood Academy and Ark William Parker Academy.

Ms Powell is a very experienced school leader, who was recently awarded an OBE by the Queen for her services to education, and we are very lucky to have her as part of the team.

On a day to day basis, you will see no substantial change – Tracy Dohel will still be your first point of contact, continuing to be responsible for the running of Ark Helenswood and setting the strategic direction of our school. What this means in practice is that we now have another dedicated and experienced senior educator on board, working to help us embed and further accelerate the academic progress we have made here at Ark Helenswood.

Initially Yvonne joins us part time, two days per week, while still acting as Principal of Ark Walworth Academy in London. In September, she will leave Ark Walworth Academy to take on the permanent and full time position of Executive Principal here in Hastings.

We are all proud of the substantial improvement we have seen this year in our GCSE results under Ms Dohel's leadership and we recognise that there is still more work to be done to achieve the high level of academic attainment we expect for our school.

I am sure you will join me in offering Ms Powell a warm welcome to our school community. I know she is excited to have the opportunity to move back to the South East where she first started her career in teaching and to be in position to support and contribute to the work already being led by Ms Dohel.

We hope to schedule opportunities for parents and students to meet Ms Powell at school events over the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

Jane Fletcher  
Regional Director



Principal: Tracy Dohel